THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir. The President of India visited Trinidad & Tobago and Chile in May/ June 95. There have been no visits by Heads of State/Prime Minister from this area in the past one year.

(b) During the President's visit to Chile, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between India and Chile, envisaging holding of bilateral consultations between the respective Foreign Offices every year.

(c) India's diplomatic, cultural and economic ties have received a boost as a result of our President's visits to these countries and the prospects of strengthening these ties have brigthened considerably.

दिल्ली में आपराधिक मामलों में गिरफ्तार किए गए व्यक्ति

349. श्री राम जेठमलानी:
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान दिल्ली राज्य में हत्या, बलात्कार और अपहरण की घटनाओं में वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के वर्षों के दौरान हत्या, बलात्कार, लूट, डकैती और अपहरण के पृथक-पृथक मामलों में वर्ष-वार कितने व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया, इनमें से कितने व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध न्यायालयों में मुकदमें दर्ज किए गए और कितने व्यक्तियों को दण्डित किया गया तथा अप्रैल, 1995 तक कितने मामलों को निपटाया नहीं जा सका; और

(ग) उन मामलों की संख्या कितनी है जिनमें पुलिस अपने द्वारा एकत्रित जानकारी के बल पर अपराधियों को न्यायालय में दोषी सिद्ध नहीं करा सकी?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०एम० सईद)

(क) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली में वर्ष 1992, 1993, 1994 और 1995 के (30.6.95 तक) के दौरान हत्या, बलात्कार और अपहरण की घटनाओं की संख्या निम्न प्रकार है;—

वर्ष	हत्या	बलात्कार	अपहरण
1992	529	284	714
1993	493	315	636
1994	492	319	779
1995 (30.6.95 तक)	248	167	443

(ख) और (ग): सूचना अनुपत्र में दी गई है [देखिए परिशिष्ट 174, अनुपत्र सं०—13]

Reduction of Access Fees Payable to DOT by Private Investors

350. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that while providing clarifications to the private investors bidding for the basic telecom services, the access fees payable to DOT has been substaintially reduced; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this will entail a projected loss of Rs. 35,000 crores to Rs. 38,000 crores to the DOT over a 15 year period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. STD/ ISD access charge rates were revised based on the realistic costing figures.

(b) No Sir.

Addition of Unreserved Coaches in the Trains

351. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more unreserved coaches would be added in view of the heavy traffic in north-eastern railways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of coaches likely to be added in each train; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). Depending upon traffic, operational feasibility and availability of coaches, additional unreserved coaches are provided on various sections and trains on N.E. Railway and this is a continuous process. In the July '95 Time Table, 2 pairs of 'Janseva Express' trains with exclusive unreserved 2nd class accommodation between Bhagalpur and Muzaffarpur and Amritsar and Barauni have been introduced. In addition, 4 pairs of trains have been introduced and the run of twenty existing trains has been extended on N.E. Railway system.

Project for Fodder Development in Bihar

352. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any special project for fodder development in the State of Bihar to reduce the pressure on forests and other grazing lands in the state:

(b) what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how Government prospose to reduce pressure on forests and grazing lands in Bihar from overgrazing.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects (AOFFP) designed to address the problems of fuelwood and fodder shortages in identified fuelwood deficit districts in the country is being implemented in the States including Bihar. The State and the Central Government share equally the cost of raising fuelwood and fodder plantations in the identified districts. Central assistance of Rs. 529.32 lakhs has been provided to Bihar in the period 1992—95 for raising fuelwood and fodder plantations.

Bills from States Pending for Assent

353. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of Bills passed by State Legislatures and forwarded by Governors pending with the Central Government for President's assent, as on 1.6.95;

(b) the dates on which the Governors of each State had sent the Bills for assent to the Government;

(c) what is the present position of these Bills; and

(d) by when these Bills are likely to get the assent of the President?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) A statement of Bills reserved by the Governors of various States for consideration of the President is enclosed (*See* below). The State Legislations call for examination by the concerned Departments Ministries of the Government of India and consultation with the State Governments wherever necessary. The concerned State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments are reminded constantly to expedite their views in the matter. Discussions are also held where necessary, to expedite the clearance of the Bills.